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1. AUGUST 21 EDITION OF THE "JAPAN PETROLEUM & ENERGY WEEKLY" HIGHLIGHTS THE JAPAN-CHINA PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY CONCLUDED AUGUST 12. ARTICLE STATES THAT THE TWO NATIONS HAVE NOW ENTERED A "NEW ERA" IN WHICH BILATERAL RELATIONS IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC FIELDS WILL BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE WEEKLY NOTES THAT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TREATY IS FELT TO HAVE LAID GROUND-WORK FOR WIDE-RANGING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRADE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND THAT THE PRIVATE-LEVEL TRADE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN FEBRUARY, 1978, CALLING FOR 20 BILLION DOLLARS OF TRADE IN EIGHT YEARS, IS NOW OBSOLETE AND WILL PROBABLY BE REVIEWED WITH FURTHER EXPANSION IN MIND.

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2. UNDER THE PRESENT TRADE AGREEMENT, JAPAN WILL IMPORT 15 MILLION TONS OF CHINESE CRUDE OIL IN 1982, AS AGAINST 7 MILLION TONS IN 1978, BUT IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE ANNUAL QUANTITY WILL BE INCREASED TO 40-45 MILLION TONS BY 1985.

3. THE BELOW FIGURES ARE JAPAN'S OIL AND COAL IMPORT PLANS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OF 1978 THROUGH 1982, AS

AGREED TO BY THE TWO PARTIES IN FEBRUARY AS REPORTED IN
THE ARTICLE:

CALENDAR YEAR	CRUDE OIL	STEAM COAL	COKING COAL
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1978	7,000	150-200	150-300
1979	7,600	150-200	500
1980	8,000	500-600	1,000
1981	9,500	1,000-1,200	1,500
1982	15,000#	1,500-1,700	2,000

47,100	3,300-3,900	5,150-5,300
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#THIS WILL ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE PERCENT OF
JAPAN'S ESTIMATED TOTAL CRUDE OIL IMPORTS IN 1982.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM CHINA, SIX JAPANESE
PRIVATE COAL MINING COMPANIES ARE PLANNING TO EXTEND TECH-
NOLOGICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION TO DEVELOP NEW COAL
MINES IN CHINA AND INCREASE PRODUCTION IN EXISTING MINES,
THEREBY DOUBLING CHINA'S ANNUAL COAL OUTPUT FROM THE
CURRENT 450-500 MILLION TO ONE BILLION TONS. THE PAR-
TICIPATING JAPANESE COAL MINING COMPANIES ARE: MITSUI
MINING COMPANY, SUMITOMO COAL MINING COMPANY, MITSUBISHI
MINING AND CEMENT COMPANY, MATSUSHIMA KOSAN COMPANY,
TAIHEIYO COAL MINING COMPANY AND JAPANESE OVERSEAS COAL
MINING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. THE JAPANESE WEEKLY CONTINUES
THAT IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF FINANCIAL AID INVOLVED,
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IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL PAR-
TICIPATE IN THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT.

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